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A JOINT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AUXILIARIES IN THIS STATE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, thousands of undocumented aliens enter this state and nation
2 illegally each year despite the efforts of federal border control agencies;
3 and

4 Whereas, even with the unlikely provision of adequate financial
5 resources, existing federal agencies will not be able to adequately interdict
6 the flow of illegal immigration; and

7 Whereas, the presence of grievous numbers of low-paid individuals who
8 are undocumented or are illegally residing in the United States places a
9 considerable burden on the resources of state and local human service and law
10 enforcement agencies without reimbursement; and

11 Whereas, this state has an unqualified interest in supplementing the
12 federal efforts in controlling the overwhelming tide of immigration into this
13 state and nation; and

14 Whereas, citizen frustration at the inadequacy of official border
15 control is evidenced by the intervention of unorganized and unsupervised
16 private control efforts such as the Minuteman organization; and

17 Whereas, existing national guard and military reserve organizations
18 provide a useful model on which to pattern an official auxiliary organization
19 to supplement the efforts of federal border patrol agencies; and

20 Whereas, auxiliary reserve units could also be organized and trained to
21 respond to natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other emergencies
22 requiring extensive assistance and recovery.

23 Therefore

24 Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

25 1. That the Legislature and the Governor of the State of Arizona urge
26 the Congress of the United States of America and the Secretary of the United
27 States Department of Homeland Security to investigate the advantages and
28 consider authorizing the establishment of one or more state auxiliary reserve
29 units under the United States Coast Guard to supplement and enhance the
30 efforts of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the
31 patrol and interdiction of illegal immigrants into this state.

32 2. That until the federal government can adequately interdict the flow
33 of illegal immigration, it is the duty of this state to increase its effort
34 along the border in order to protect its citizens from the crime and property
35 damage resulting from illegal immigration.

36 3. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Resolution to
37 the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security and to
38 each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.